Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member can only ask for information and need not discuss the whole matter.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA (Bangalore District—General).—Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Government parted with the securities only after they got the cash ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Yes, it is so.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪನವರು (ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ)—1948 ನೆಯಇಸವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇದನ್ನು recognise ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅವರು ತಮಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಹಾಕಿಕೊಂಡಿರಲಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—ಅರ್ಜಿವಿಚಾರ ಯಾವುದೂ ನನಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಹಾಕಿದ್ದರು. We do not know whether he applied for recognition and all that.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—But it was stated that the firm applied to the Government for recognition in 1948?

The Hon'ble Sri H C. DASAPPA.—He gave the highest tender and that was recognised.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—While recognising one giving the tender, did the Government make enquiries as to who are all the other members who formed that firm ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Notice.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Shall I take it that it is on the credit of Sri B. N. Gupta alone that it was done?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—We do not know about that.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question No. 144. Sri W. H. Hanumanthappa. The Hon'ble Member is not present. So the question will be treated as an unstarred question. Next question, No. 211. Sri G. Veerappa.

Request of Non-gazetted officers in Davangere for Dearness Allowance as in Bangalore and Mysore Cities.

*Q.—211. **Sri G. VEERAPPA** (Chitaldrug District—General),—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the index of living in Davangere City is more or less the same as that in Bangalore and Mysore;

(*b*) whether the Non-gazetted Officers in Davangere have been requesting the Government to allow them Dearness Allowance as in the case of Bangalore and Mysore ?

*A.—**The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA** (Minister for Finance and Industries).—

(*a*) Government have no information.

(*b*) Yes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ವೀರಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಈಗ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಟೌನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸಮಾಡತಕ್ಕ ಜನರ cost of living ಏನೆಂಬ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಾವು ಅಂಕಅಂಶಗಳನ್ನು ಶೇಖರಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಾ ? Is it not available ?

***The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.**—I am sorry we have no information relating to the index of living as I could see, about Davangere. We have got to collect it hereafter.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ವೀರಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಹೋಗಲಿ ; ಈಗ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಸಿಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ cost of living ವಿಪರೀತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂಬ ಅಂಶ ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೆ ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There is no information so far about Davangere. The figures relating to living index are collected only for Bangalore, Mysore and, I think, K.G.F.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ವೀರಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಈಗ ತಾವು ದಾವಣಗೆರೆಯಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ನಾನ್‌ಗೆಜೆಟೆಡ್ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ತುಟ್ಟಿ ಭತ್ಯ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಿ ; ಮತ್ತು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಿಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ನಾನ್‌ಗೆಜೆಟೆಡ್ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆಷ್ಟು ತುಟ್ಟಿಭತ್ಯ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There is a separate question on that and answers will be furnished to it.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—Is there any representation from the Non-gazetted Officers in Davangere, requesting the Government to allow them dearness allowance on the same scale as is given to such officers in Bangalore and Mysore ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Quite so.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—Are the Government aware that there is a Government Order giving dearness allowance to non-gazetted officials of Davangere Municipality on the same scale as is given to Government servants ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It may be.

The Hon'ble Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—On the representation made by the municipal authorities it was examined and subsequently the order is passed.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—Do not the Government think that it is only fair to grant dearness allowances to Davangere officials at the same level as is given to non-gazetted officers in Bangalore?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That is a very difficult job. Because, the financial implications prevent us from even considering that proposition. If we give one to Davangere, we have got to give to so many other places and we will have to find lots of money for that.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ವೀರಪ್ಪನವರು.—ನಾನು ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಈಗ cost of living ದಾವಣಗೆರೆಯ ಸಿಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾಸ್ತಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ತಾವು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಿಟಿ ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿಯ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿರುವಷ್ಟೇ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿಯ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ತುಟ್ಟಿ ಭತ್ಯ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ ಎಂದು. Is it not a fact that the Government have recognised that the standard of living in Davangere is much higher and so they deserve to get a higher scale of dearness allowance? Is it not on the ground of high cost of living they were given dearness allowance?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There are two grounds primarily; one the cost of living index and the other is what it means to the Government Exchequer. These things also have got to be considered.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—Is it not a fact that repeated representations have been made from the Non-Gazetted Officers' Association, Davangere that the cost of living is very high in Davangere and that they should get the same scale of allowance?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There have been some representations. I have heard them personally myself.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—What action have the Government taken on that?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That is a matter which has got to be examined very closely.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—Is it likely that very early action will be taken in the matter?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—All that I can promise is I will give it the utmost consideration that it deserves.

Male and Female voters included in Electoral Rolls on the basis of Adult Franchise.

*Q.—34. **Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN** (Chikmagalur *cum* Shimoga—Muslim).—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of voters on lists in the Mysore State on the basis of adult franchise;

(*b*) the number of male voters;

(*c*) the number of female voters:

(*d*) the number of voters included in the Electoral Rolls after the 15th of January 1951;

(*e*) the total number before the 15th January 1951 and the total number up-to-date after revision of the Electoral Rolls?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM** (Minister for Law and Labour).—(*a*) 39,89,104 according to the preliminary electoral rolls.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) Not available, as the rolls have not been prepared according to sex.

(*e*) Not possible to furnish yet, as the rolls are still under revision.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Is it not possible to find out from the name whether a voter is a male or a female?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—Often it is possible to find out but sometimes it is difficult.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—On that basis is it not possible to give roughly the percentage of female and male voters?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—We have not attempted it.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Will you please examine it and see that at least in future such percentage is given?